

to catch oysters with scoop, scrape, dredge, or any other similar instruments; each figure shall be twenty two inches in length, and of proportionate width, and the figures at least six inches apart; and he shall give to each person taking out such license, two numbers thereof, one of which shall be securely sewed upon the starboard side, and in the middle of that part of the mainsail which is above the close reef, and the other number on the port side in the middle part of the jib, which is above the bonnet and reef; these numbers shall be placed in an upright position, and worn at all times during the dredging season, and returned at the end of the season, and shall not be concealed or defaced, and no other number shall be exposed to view, or used, than that which is furnished by the comptroller. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, as provided in section fifteen of this article; and in any such case the boat or vessel shall be forfeited and condemned, in the discretion of the judge, in the manner as provided in section twenty seven. The provisions of this section shall apply to all boats licensed to take oysters with scrape or scoop by any county in this State, except that the numbers for such boats shall be painted red instead of black; and the numbers shall be delivered by the comptroller to the clerks of the courts as they may be ordered; and at the end of the season all licenses not used shall be returned by said clerks to the comptroller; and the said clerks shall also pay to the comptroller one-half of all moneys received by him for such licenses, which sum shall be placed to the credit of the "Oyster Fund."

Smith v. School Commissioners, 81 Md. 516.

#### **Dredging in Exempted Waters.**

1894, ch. 380.

**31.** If any boat or vessel shall be seen sailing on any of the waters of this State which are exempted from dredging by law, in the same manner in which they sail to take or catch oysters with scoop, scrape, drag or dredge or similar instrument, the said boat or vessel shall be pursued by any officer authorized by this article to make arrests, and if said boat or vessel apprehended by said officer, shall be found to have on board any wet oysters, or the dredges, or dredge line, or deck wet, indicating the taking of